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Mr. James Dykman Division of State History 300 Rio Grande Salt Lake City, Utah 84101

Subject: <u>Clearances Required for LMU Proposal, Brush Resources, Topaz Mine,</u> M/023/003, Juab County, Utah

Dear Mr. Dykman:

On December 15, 2004, the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining received a proposal from Brush Resources, Inc., to expand their existing beryllium mine. This proposal is for an expansion of 108 acres, but over the next several years, the operator intends to expand an additional 1800 acres. The mine is in Juab county in Township 13 South, Range 12 West, Sections 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 15, and 16; Township 12 South, Range 12 West, Sections 31 and 32; and Section 36 of Township 12 South, Range 13 West, SLBM. The enclosed maps show the areas where the operator intends to expand the mine. For now, expansion would be into those areas marked in black and shown on the legend as "Bonding Period—Open Pit Mine" and "Bonding Period—Overburden Pile."

The plan indicates four cultural resource surveys have been completed in the area, but we do not know exactly which areas were surveyed or, with one exception, what was found. Site 42JB721 is apparently eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places, but the operator has committed to avoid it.

In accordance with our agreement with you, we ask that, within 30 days, you notify us of the potential for locating eligible sites within the project area and what information needs to be collected. If possible, we would like to receive your concurrence for the project to proceed. If you determine the proposed development will potentially affect significant cultural and historic resources, we will ask that you provide us with an evaluation of probable impacts as well as evaluations of the needs for survey and mitigation plans to adequately mitigate the probable impacts upon cultural resources.



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Thank you for your assistance. Please call me at 801-538-5261 if you have any questions about the proposal or this request.

Sincerely,

Paul B. Baker

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Enclosure: Plates 5A and B

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